



EXPANSION

as it is in heaven

PARTNERING TOGETHER FOR KINGDOM EXPANSION
THROUGH GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROVISION

What is Expansion?

Expansion is all about seeing God's provision for the vision and commission. It is not about covering the day-to-day costs of the church. It's where we gather together in unity to see the Kingdom of God advance and God's purposes for Gateway realised.

In 2024, we launched our annual Expansion offering which saw us believe for even-greater, expanding and enlarging our vision. This resulted in 57 individuals from within our church committing to Expansion, an additional 20 individuals than our earlier Miracle Offerings.

Throughout this booklet we will celebrate what we were able to see achieved in the last 12 months through God's miraculous provision for us.

In 2025, it is our heart-cry to see God's will be done, "on earth as it is in heaven". It is our earnest desire that through our partnership with Expansion that we will see a continued growth in our capacity to reach our city and beyond with the Good News of Jesus, as well as a continuation of our Kingdom partnerships.

Community



Expanding our capacity to positively impact and care for our local community in partnership with Gateway Stronger Communities.

Our heart is that people in our community would know they matter deeply.

Kingdom



Expanding our ability to reach people with the Good News of Jesus, through local projects and missions partnerships.

- outworking the great commission
- creating invitation opportunities
- seeing communities and neighbourhoods know Jesus

Facilities



Expanding and creating spaces to provide room for more people to find faith-filled community.



In 2024/25 we saw
57 individuals
partner with Expansion



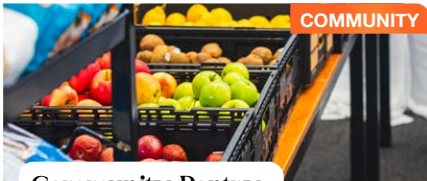
In 2025/26, we're believing for
70 individuals

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2024/25 Highlights

Community

- In partnership with Gateway Stronger Communities (GSCI) we were able to provide food relief support for 2,826 visitors.
- Saw a 110% increase in volunteer engagement with the Community Pantry initiative.
- Saw the Community Pantry move to the church cafe and foyer space, creating greater opportunity for social connections, and more effective support.



COMMUNITY

Community Pantry

"I really value having the Community Pantry, it has made things so much easier for us. I know that there is always a smiling face going to be there. I'm always telling people about the pantry." - Client



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Society Church Melbourne

"A miracle moment for our church, our first ever baptisms! In front of friends, family, and our growing community, people publicly declared their faith in Jesus."

Facilities

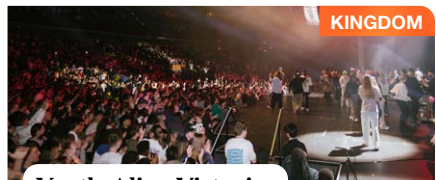
- Paid \$15,000 off the loan on our land and buildings.
- Completed a renovation of our foyer space and nursing room.
- Completed works to concrete areas around our playground, including the addition of a basketball court.
- Completed the replacement of the box gutters, flashing and capping along the south walls of the church building.

Kingdom

- We saw 350+ people attend our Christmas Carols outreach event.

We partnered financially with local and global missions partners, including;

- **Society Church:** Planting a church in Melbourne.
- **Youth Alive Victoria:** Reaching teenagers throughout Victoria with the Gospel.
- **ACCI:** Partnering with a field worker in Japan to bring the Gospel to a significantly unreached people.



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Youth Alive Victoria

"In the last 12 months we saw 4,227 young people make a faith commitment, and presented the Gospel to 29,302 people."

*Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth
as it is in heaven.*

Matthew 6:10



Your Kingdom come

Your will be done

Community

Positively impacting and caring for our local community in partnership with Gateway Stronger Communities



In 2025/26 we are continuing to provide support and care for our local community through our Community Pantry initiative.

Our desire in the next 12 months is to work toward a dedicated storage space for the Community Pantry to increase the effectiveness of the pantry. We are also believing to see provision for the Community Pantry to move into a dedicated space providing greater social connections, and food relief.



The Community Pantry is seeing consistent growth in the amount of families it supports. We are aiming to provide support for 4,500 visitors in the next 12 months.

We want our community to know that in the middle of their challenge, loss, hard times and life's curveballs that there are people who care for their wellbeing, dignity and place in this world. We want our community to know that each of them matter, and there is a place for them at Gateway.



Food insecurity is a significant issue facing many individuals within our local community. The Community Pantry exists to play a part in the solution to this problem. Our team works hard to provide care, dignity and consistent support to those we serve. Know that your generosity through Expansion is providing a tangible impact to our local families.
Raynu Kay (Community Pantry Program Director)

Kingdom

Evangelism and outreach within Gateway 
partnering with missions initiatives and
church plants locally and globally;
all to see the Kingdom of God extended



LifeShare Nagasaki is a church plant in Japan sharing the Gospel to one of the most unreached nations, with Christianity representing less than 1% of the total population.

The Great Commission is central to our desire to see the Good News of Jesus shared within our local community, Australia and through the World.

In 2025/26, we are committed to providing genuine opportunities for our local community to hear the Gospel. We are believing to share the Gospel with 400+ people at our Christmas Carols, 300+ people across Easter weekend and many more through weekly invitations.

Throughout the next twelve months we are committed to continued partnership with Youth Alive Victoria, as well as, our ACCI missions field worker Amy Battocchio (working with LifeShare Nagasaki, a church plant in Japan).

It is also our heart to continue supporting church plants, and see churches planted both locally and globally.



Youth Alive Victoria is seeing consistent growth in its capacity to share the Gospel with Victoria's young people. Our partnership helps make this a reality.

It is our desire that the impact of Expansion is significant within our local community, but also extends beyond our reach, into the incredible things God is doing through our Kingdom ministry partners.

May God's Kingdom come into the hearts of every person who hears the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Through Expansion we are believing to see our impact increase in;

- Christmas Carols outreach
- Easter weekend outreach
- Support of church planting
- ACCI Missions support
- Compassion child sponsorship
- Partnership with Youth Alive Victoria
- Providing opportunities to share the Gospel in Gateway departments
- Each of us representing Jesus in our local neighbourhoods and community

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NLT)



Facilities

Provision of buildings and areas that facilitate the healthy and effective function of the church

Throughout 2025/26, we are excited to work toward some specific projects taking place to provide effective use of our building and facilities.



Artistic render of bathroom project

Bathroom Renovation

Plans are already underway to provide more pleasant and accessible bathroom facilities through a complete renovation. Our goal is to complete these works within the next 12 months.

Reducing our Loan

We are committed to continue paying principal off the loan on our land and buildings.

Longer-Term Projects

Roof Replacement

As responsible stewards of our church home, we are actively engaging with contractors to plan for a full replacement of our church roof. This significant project is crucial for the longevity and continued use of our facility. We have received estimates that this project will cost \$120,000 and our goal is for it to be completed across Expansion 2025/26, and into 2026/27.

Provision of a Kids Space

We are believing for provision to see the establishment of a dedicated space for children. For us to take the next step as a vibrant, family-orientated local church, we need to take a step of faith to create space for growth.

**WE'RE NOT
HERE TO BUILD
A BUILDING**



**WE'RE HERE
TO REACH A
CITY FOR JESUS**

How can I partner with Expansion?

Our goal for 2025/26

70 individuals partnering with Expansion to see growth in our church, community and kingdom impact.

How can you contribute?

Prayerfully consider your financial commitment for Expansion 2025/26. Record your commitment and partner together with Gateway to see God's Kingdom expanded.

Expansion Offering is an annual commitment you are able to fulfil through a one-off offering or over 12 months from September '25 to August '26.



**Scan the QR code to record
your commitment for 2025/26**
gc.org.au/expansion

Ways to Give

Bank Transfer

Acc Name:

Gateway Church Geelong

BSB: 013645

Acc No. 3052 96471

or PayID: giving@gc.org.au

Reference: EXP25

In-Person

At our Sunday Services,

Cash via Expansion

Envelopes or

EFTPOS at the Cafe

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